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1. IN A DECEMBER 5 MEETING BETWEEN ECONOMIC MINISTER AND FRAU DR. STEEG, OF THE ECONOMICS MINISTRY, DR. STEEG MADE A STRONG APPEAL TO THE U.S. TO ACCEPT THE RESULTS OF THE EC BIIATERAI TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS. SHE EXPLAINED THAT, WHILE HER OWN GOVERNMENT WAS NOT ENTIRELY SATISFIED WITH THE EC AGREEMENTS, THEY WERE CONFIDENTIAL

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THE BEST THAT COULD BE OBTAINED. SHE WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS FROM GENEVA THAT THE U.S. WAS DISSATISFIED. WERE THE U.S. TO PRESSURE THE EC ON THIS, THERE WOULD BE LITTLE HOPE FOR RENEWAL OF THE MFA. THIS, IN TURN, WOULD HAVE GRAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE MTN.

2. IT WAS ADDED, CONFIDENTIALLY, THAT THE FRG HAS AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COMMISSION THAT IT (THE FRG) COULD UNILATERALLY INCREASE ITS IMPORTS BEYOND THE NEGOTIATED QUOTAS. THUS THE ACTUAL QUOTA FIGURES IN THE AGREEMENTS ARE MISLEADING, BECAUSE THE FRG CAN IMPORT MORE AS THE "NEED" ARISES. THIS UNDERSTANDING WAS APPARENTLY NECESSARY TO ALLOW THE FRG TO COMPLY WITH PREVIOUS BILATERAL COMMITMENTS.

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